

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-25, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34, and 36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 25, 28, 31, and 34 are amended and claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 26, 29, 32, and 35 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 13-24 are allowed and claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 26, 29, 32, and 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the allowable features of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 26, 29, 32, and 35 are incorporated into independent claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 25, 28, 31, and 34, respectively. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all of claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-25, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34, and 36 are allowable and this application is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 25, 27, 31, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Bright, U.S. Patent No. 6,897,977. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 7, 25, and 31 are amended to include the allowable features of claims 2, 8, 26, and 32, respectively. Thus, the amendments to the claims overcome the rejection. According, claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 25, 27, 31, and 33 are patentable over Bright. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 6, 10, 12, 28, 30, 34, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bright. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 4, 10, 28, and 34 are amended to include the allowable features of claims 5, 11, 29, and 35, respectively. Thus, the amendments to the claims overcome the rejection. According, claims 4, 6, 10, 12, 28, 30, 34, and 36 are patentable over Bright. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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